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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1943.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

MISBRANDING OF SYRUP.

On April 20, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Fort Scott Sorghum Syrup Co., a corporation, Fort Scott, Kans., alleging shipment by said company, on or about November 15, 1910, from the State of Kansas into the State of Iowa of a quantity of syrup which was misbranded. The product was labeled: "Farmer Jones Pride Brand 2 lbs. Net Trade Mark Registered None genuine without this label and signature. Pure Country Sorghum and Corn Syrup with Cane Flavor. Put up for Warfield-Pratt-Howell Company, Des Moines, Iowa. Yours Truly, Farmer Jones. Pure Sorghum 45%, corn syrup 45%, refiner's syrup 10%. Manufactured by the Fort Scott Sorghum Syrup Co., Fort Scott, Kans."

Examination of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Solids by refractometer, 80.44 per cent; nonsugar solids, 30.34 per cent; sucrose, Clerget, 10.99 per cent; reducing sugars as invert, 33.11 per cent; commercial glucose (factor 163), 58.16 per cent; polarization direct, temperature at 24° C., +112.2° V.; polarization invert, temperature at 24° C., +90.0° V.; polarization invert at 87° C., +94.8° V.; ash, 2.11 per cent; net weight 1st (1.95 lbs.) short, 2.5 per cent; net weight 2d (1.90 lbs.) short, 5.0 per cent; net weight 3d (1.96 lbs.) short, 2.0 per cent.

Misbranding of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that the labels and quotations thereon were false and misleading and calculated to deceive the purchaser or consumer in that said label set forth that each of the cans of the product contained 2 pounds net of said syrup, while, in truth and in fact, they contained a lesser amount than 2 pounds net of said syrup.

On May 6, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,

Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 13, 1912.